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1. CONSULAR OFFICER ANTICIPATES GOL RECEPTIVITY TO PROPOSED
CONSULAR CONVENTION. POST'S COMMENTS ON DRAFT CONVENTION FOLLOW:

A. PAGE 1, ARTICLE 1(A): "OR DIPLOMATIC MISSION PERFORMING
CONSULAR FUNCTIONS" SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE DEFINITION OF
"CONSULATE. IT IS A DIPLOMATIC MISSION PERFORMING CONSULAR
FUNCTIONS THAT IS MOST LIKELY TO BE THE CASE OF BOTH USG AND GOL.

B. PAGE 2, ARTICLE 1(I): CHANGE TO READ "VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT
SAILING OR FLYING UNDER THE FLAG OF THE SENDING STATE,
EXCLUDING WARSHIPS AND WAR PLANES". (A DISCUSSION OF VESSELS
FOLLOWS IN PARA F).

C. PAGES 3 AND 4, ARTICLES 2 AND 3: WOULD THE EMBASSIES BE
DESIGNATED CONSULATES, OR WOULD ONE SECTION OF THE EMBASSY BE SO
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DESIGNATED? WHO WOULD HOLD THE TITLE "HEAD OF CONSULATE" AND
RECEIVE AN EXEQUATUR?

D. PAGE 25, ARTICLE 20: GOL REQUIRES THAT EMBASSY PERSONNEL
BE REGISTERED WITH THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND RECEIVE
RESIDENCE PERMITS. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED EFFICIENTLY AND IS DONE
AT THE SAME TIME AS THE ISSUANCE OF THE DIPLOMATIC I.D. CARDS.

IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT GOL WOULD BE WILLING TO WAIVE THIS REQUIREMENT.

E. LESOTHO HAS SEVERAL HONORARY CONSULS IN THE U.S.; ALL ARE
AMCITS. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THEY PERFORM SOME MINIMAL OFFICIAL
FUNCTIONS FOR GOL. SHOULD NONORARY CONSULS BE MENTIONED IN THE
CONVENTION?

F. ALTHOUGH LESOTHO IS LANDLOCKED, POST FEELS IT IS ACCEPTABLE
TO RETAIN SECTIONS RELATING TO VESSELS. IN CASUAL CONVERSATIONS
WITH THE LEGAL AND TREATIES OFFICER, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
CONOFF HAS BEEN GIVEN THE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT GOL WOULD
WANT VESSELS INCLUDED ON THE BASIS THAT ONE DAY THEY MIGHT HAVE
A PORT OR VESSELS (USUAL GOL OPTIMISM) AND THAT INCLUDING VESSELS
IN THE CONVENTION WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AMENDING IT LATER.
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